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Liberalism is often justified as a means of securing basic individual rights. Indeed, in this capacity, it is often identified as the political creed of the enlightenment. In a series of publications, John Gray has rejected this justification of liberalism, and in so doing, as rejected seeing it as an enlightenment creed. Indeed, in recent times, he has gone so far as to reject calling his own view 'liberal.'

In this essay, my task is to suggest that this rejection of the label by Gray, while understandable, is premature. For I shall argue that we can see Gray's thought as squarely within what I will call a Hobbesian tradition of liberal thought. Moreover, I will also contend that this Hobbesian liberalism has the potential to generate promising strategies for dealing with contemporary objections to liberalism.

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